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Shigeyuki Kawai et al

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Examiner: J.A. Franklin

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TRANSACTION METHOD USING THE  
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

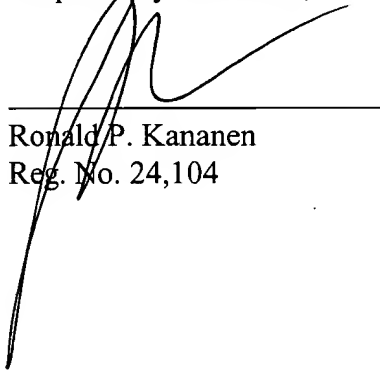
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Sir:

To the extent that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance states or may be interpreted to imply or be construed to mean that the claims are allowable over the prior art because the combination claims should be interpreted to include one or more features or limitations recited therein, Applicant points out there is no particular limitation or group of limitations in the allowed combination claims that is more critical than any other in the combination of each of the allowed claims 26, 27, and 31 to 49. The issuance of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be construed as surrender by Applicant of any subject matter. It is the intent of Applicant, through their attorney, to construe the allowed claims

so as to cover the claimed invention as disclosed in the present application and all equivalents to which the claimed invention is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,



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**SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED FORMAL DRAWINGS**

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Dear Sir:

We have enclosed corrected formal drawings in the above-identified application as required by the Examiner in the allowing papers of March 17, 2004.

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